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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

RICHTER ET AL.

Examiner

Gabriel I. Garcia

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 February 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 and 10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 and 10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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Part III DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

1. Claims 1-8 and 10 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Battat et al. (5,958,012) in view of Motoba (20020048034)

With regard to claim 1, Battat et al teaches a printing system (e.g. fig. 1), comprising: a network (e.g. col. 4, lines 47-65); a plurality of output printing devices coupled to the network (e.g. col. 4, lines 47-65), col. 17, lines 36-54, and col. 18, lines 66-67), each output printing coupled the network (110), each output printing device comprising status information (e.g. col. 1, lines 18-65 and col. 5, lines 27-39); a client computer coupled to the network, the client computer adapted to submit a print job to any of the output printing devices(see fig. 11 and col. 17, lines 36-54); an application connected to the network, the application adapted to receive the status information regarding all of the output printing devices, (e.g. col. 1, lines 48-67, col. 5, lines 27-39, and col. 6, lines 2-26), filtering the status information relevant to the print job submitting by the client computer, and displaying the filtered status information (e.g. col. 6, lines 2-26). Battat does not teach determining which of the received status information is relevant to the submitted print job, and extracting the relevant status information. However, Motoba (in the same field of endeavor, "network printing") teaches that it is well known in the art of

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network printing to determining which of the received status information is relevant to the submitted print job, and extracting the relevant status information [557]. Therefore, it would have been obvious of one of ordinary skill in the art to provide the filtering system of Battat with the means to further determine the status of jobs being printed as taught by Motoba because of the following reasons: 1) it will allow the network user(s) of Battat to selectively receive the status of current jobs being printed; and 2) it will improve the filtering system of Barret by allowing more accurate status report, and allowing the reporting of jobs being printed.

With regard to claims 2 and/or 3, Battat et al teaches wherein the output printing device is a printer or copier (e.g. col. 18, lines 66-67).

With regard to claims 4 and 7, Battat et al. inherently teaches wherein the at least one of the plurality of features is a paper output (or input) tray information (e.g. col. 3, lines 46-67, the service level or trouble reports can incorporate paper information).

With regard to claims 5 and 6, Battat et al. inherently teaches wherein said at least one of said plurality of features is teaches wherein said output printing device is toner level information or fuser level information (e.g. col. 3, lines 46-67, the trouble reports can incorporate toner or fuser level information).

With regard to claim 8, Battat et al inherently teaches wherein said at least one of said plurality of features is output printing device service information (e.g. col. 3, lines 46-67).

With regard to claim 10, Battat et al further comprises a client computer that comprises the application (e.g. col. 2, lines 28-53).

Conclusion

2. Applicant's arguments, see arguments filed 2/15/07, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-8 and 10 under Battat et al. have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Battat et al. and Motoba '034.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gabriel I. Garcia whose telephone number is (571) 272-7434. The Examiner can normally be reached Monday-Thursday from 7:30 AM-6:00 PM. The fax phone number for this group is 571-273-8300.

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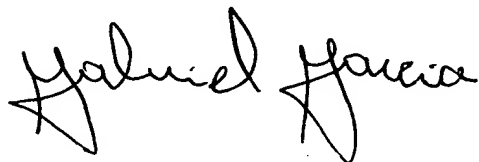
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Gabriel I. Garcia
Primary Examiner
March 16, 2007

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gabriel Garcia", written in a cursive style.

GABRIEL I. GARCIA
PRIMARY EXAMINER